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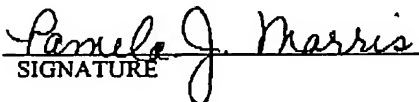
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2. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, including Exhibit A (22 pages);
3. Request to Change Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) – in duplicate.


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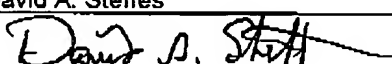
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		Application Number	10/617,573		
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		First Named Inventor	Jian CHEN		
		Group Art Unit	1646		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$1,020.00	Examiner Name	Dong Jiang		
FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/03)					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	- 60 =	0	X \$50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 28 =	0	X \$200.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>November 14, 2006</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160):					\$ 450.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)					
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Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
OTHER: Request to Change Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b)					\$ 130.00
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 580.00
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a request for an extension of time of two months until January 14, 2007. Since January 14 is a Sunday and January 15 is a Federal holiday (*i.e.*, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday), the deadline is the next business day, or Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on January 16, 2007.

Amendments to the title and specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 8.

Reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, including extension fees of \$450.00, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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